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7. The training was rather low since most of the personnel had no particular aptitude for signal service. They had volunteered for service with artillery, infantry and horse-drawn units, but had been classified for signal service. Discipline and morale were bad. There were seven or eight desertions each week, and many others applied for discharge or transfer.
8. Nine VP units fell in in the area of the Plak Kaserne, Dessau-Kochstedt, about 7 a.m. on 27 July 1950. One unit, which later marched toward the town, was commanded by a Kommissar and organized into three 27-man groups. It was noticed that only the officers carried pistols.
9. About 350 VP personnel were in the Werkheim-Nord cantonment on 27 July 1950. The following units were seen:
 - a. A unit of about 80 police equipped with two model 34 light machine guns, 57 carbines and 31 long spades, headed by a Kommissar and two Polizeimeister marching toward Gross-Kuehnau (M 52/E 07).
 - b. A unit, also of about 80 police, headed by two Kommissars and an Oberwachtmeister, equipped with a model 08/15 light machine gun, a model 08 heavy machine gun, thirty-four 98-K carbines and 22 long spades, marching in the same direction.
 - c. A third unit of the same strength, equipped with three model 34 light machine guns, seventy-five 98-K carbines, 14 long spades and about 80 wooden practice hand grenades, headed by a Kommissar and two Polizeimeister, marching toward Gross-Kuehnau.
 - d. Six 10-man groups drilling in the camp area under the supervision of a Kommissar. (4)
10. Two VP Oberrae, five VP Rae, and 21 Oberkommissare and Kommissare were assembled in an inn on the evening of 27 July 1950. All VP officers and police there had to produce their passes when a patrol of a VP Oberrat and two Kommissars entered about 9:30 p.m. The patrol officers wore a white brassard bearing the inscription "OvD" and a round stamp mark of the school on their upper right sleeves.

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Comments.

- (1) The information on VP units stationed in the Dessau area agrees with previous reports. [redacted] The 7th VP Bereitschaft, however, is in the Dessau/Nord cantonment on the road to Gross-Kuehnau. The NCO training course presumably belonged to the VP school in Kochstedt.
- (2) VP Chefinspekteur Freitag, (fnu), has so far been carried as commandant of the VP school in Kochstedt. It is possible that he now holds both positions.
- (3) The data on the 8th VP Bereitschaft (sig) confirm and supplement previous reports. [redacted]
- (4) The Werkheim-Nord billeting area is believed to house the entire 7th VP Bereitschaft (Inf). It is assumed that there are about 1,000 police in the camp. [redacted]

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